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## THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE

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The Belleville Community Chorus will present the 12th Annual Spring Concert, What a Wonderful World at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

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## THE CANTON EAGLE

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The Canton Leisure Services annual Mom to Mom Sale is set for Saturday, April 21 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway,

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## THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR

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More than 500 people came out to enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Unity in the Community Campaign of the Inkster Task Force recently.

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## THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE

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Northville Township Treasurer Marjorie Banner was recently honored with the fifth consecutive Government Finance Officers Association Budget Presentation Award.

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The return of the Kellogg Park fountain, a Plymouth landmark, has been delayed as officials determine a way to fund the $1.5 million replacement bid.

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## THE ROMULUS ROMAN

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The Third Annual Wayne Main Street Chocolate Walk will take place in downtown Wayne from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

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## THE WESTLAND EAGLE

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The Westland Police Department has upheld the standards of its Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) certification.

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# Suspect in hijackings, shootings killed

The lone suspect in a violent overnight crime spree last week is deceased and has been identified as Allan Farris, 56, of Detroit.

According to a report from the Michigan State Police, the roughly 10-hour ordeal began in Canton Township and spanned nearly 20 miles of the metro Detroit area and included two carjackings, two shootings that injured two women, two attempted carjackings, one of which involved an undercover Michigan State Police Trooper, and shots fired at police.

> *Farris was found deceased following an exchange of gunfire ...*

Farris was found deceased following an exchange of gunfire with members of the Michigan State Police Emergency Support Team in Detroit. The state police is the lead investigating agency with detectives from the Secure Cities Partnership Major Case Unit and First District Investigative Response Team assigned to the investigation.

Based on the preliminary investigation, the following is a general timeline of events prepared from police reports and complied by Michigan State Police:

• 9 p.m., Tuesday, April 3 - Report of attempted carjacking and shooting near Joy and Morton Taylor roads in Canton near the Salvation Army thrift store. The female victim is in good condition.

• 9:05 p.m. - Report of attempted home invasion and shots fired in Canton. No injuries were reported.

• 9:15 p.m. - Report of home invasion, shooting and carjacking in Canton. The female victim in good condition.

• Police track Farris to the

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# Person of the Year

## Romulus to honor Rev. William Kren

For more than two decades, the Rev. William Kren has been active in the City of Romulus and a top supporter of community projects, programs and activities.

This year, Kren has been named the 33rd Romulus Person of the Year by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

Kren will be honored during the annual Person of the Year Banquet on Friday, April 27, at the Radisson Detroit Metro Airport, 31500 Wick Road, Romulus. The event will begin at 6 p.m. For ticket information, call the chamber office at (734) 893-0694 or send an email to Executive Director Betsey Krampitz at admin@romuluschamber.org.

"His dedication, devotion and love for Romulus and its residents has always been a priority in Bill's life," said a group of individuals who nominated Kren for the honor. "He has been involved in our community for approximately 20 years and always steps up to the plate, when asked and not asked. He has always been a willing volunteer striving to help make Romulus a better place to be."

Kren is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Church. He is currently the pastor of Dearborn Congregational Church in Dearborn. He has been in the ministry since 1982, serving churches in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

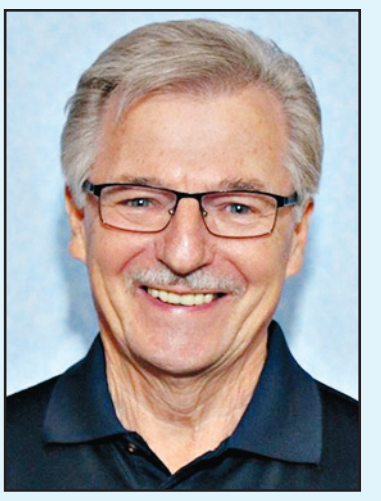
Kren and his wife, Sue, moved to Romulus in the summer of 1998 after accepting an assignment with Community United Methodist Church. Pastoring at Community United Methodist Church allowed him to serve outside the "four walls of the church" and in the community, he said. He would often tell others that "Romulus is my parish" and would volunteer whenever there was an opportunity to make a difference in the city he loves.

He also founded, served as the first president and remains an officer of, the Romulus Ministerial Alliance and helped organize Community Good Friday Services and the yearly Romulus National Day of Prayer ceremony. He organized special memorial services each year and monthly Sunday services for seniors at the Senior Towers Apartments.

The Rev. William Kren (front row, left); Oscar "Jr. Rhoton (front row, right), selection committee member and chamber board member; Betsey Krampitz (back row, left), Patty Braden, chamber president and Mark Lewkowicz, committee member and chamber board member. Photos courtesy of Dave Grogon

In 2006, after eight years with Community United Methodist Church, the Krens moved on to other adventures. They remain property owners in the city and Kren remains active in Romulus and continues to serve as secretary of the Romulus Downtown Development Authority.

He also remains an active member of the Rotary Club of



The Rev. William Kren

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# No millage increase in new Westland budget

Members of the Westland City Council received a $67 million budget for approval from Mayor William R. Wild last week.

The balanced budget includes no increases in millage rates in the city and adds $731,000 to the general fund balance, maintaining a rainy day fund of more than $7 million.

The proposed budget includes funding for four police officers and three firefighters which are currently funded by federal grants, as well as four additional dispatchers for the 911 center in the city. The budget also sets aside an additional $300,000 contribution into the MERS pension plan for general employees to address the unfunded pension liability

The budget also includes capital investments for parking lot improvements and building renovations at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, a new roof for Fire Station 4, lobby improvements to the Mike Modano Ice Arena and various improvements at the Friendship Senior Center.

In terms of equipment, the budget includes provisions for new vehicles for the Cable Television Department and Department of Public Service, a new EMS Unit, a new refuge truck and three new police vehicles, body cameras, radios, vests and computers for the Police Department, maintenance equipment and amenities for the Parks and Recreation Department and upgraded security cameras at the 18th District Court.

The budget proposal is available at www.cityofwestland.com under the OpenGov section.

"The administration has worked very hard on this year's budget proposal," commented Wild. "We are proud to present the city council with a proposal that reflects a continued reinvestment in our seniors, public safety, city assets and parks and recreation."

Lt. Pat Sullivan

# Canton plans 'Community Connection'

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Canton Township Police Lt. Pat Sullivan understands the fear disabled individuals can have for police and firefighters. He said he was pleased that the Canton Public Safety Department is partnering for an event to help families meet first responders, set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14.

"It's to dispel fears," he said, noting disabled people such as those on the autism spectrum can fear flashing lights and authority figures. The event will take place at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, south of Cherry Hill Road west of South Canton Center Road adjacent to Heritage Park.

"The bright lights can scare them. It's getting them to know it's not necessarily a bad thing," the lieutenant said. "It's kind of like a meet and greet kind of thing."

Of those with autism, he said, "If they go missing, it makes it a challenge when we try to find them. Hopefully, they won't hide from us."

The Community Connection Day is in partnership with Canton Public Safety, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools as well as Canton Therapeutic Recreation. For more, call (734) 394-5367 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

"Usually there's a good turnout. They get to meet officers and firefighters," he said, adding attendees also get to see police cars and trucks. "It's just another outreach for the community to get to know us and us to know the community better."

Firefighters also attend the event, Sullivan added.

The day will include: a

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# Romulus

# Earth Day celebrated with city Eco Fair

The City of Romulus' fourth annual "Eco-Fair" is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road.

The free event - a celebration of Earth Day - is open to the public and features interesting exhibits, speakers and take-always for people of all ages.

Local and regional environmentally-friendly organizations and vendors will participate. There will be free activities and door prizes.

"It's all about our environment," said Christine Rohn, a master gardener and the founder of the Romulus Garden Club. "It's about being eco-friendly, going green and conserving energy and water. We all want to have clean air and water and to be able to grow good food for our children and grandchildren. We'll have presentations on the importance of recycling, how to plant and why not to use insecticides and pesticides. We'll have all that and more all in one place."

The Eco-Fair was started by City of Romulus Director of Community Services Jazmine Danci, who planned a similar event while in college at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She earned a masters degree at the University of Michigan.

"I have my bachelors and masters degrees in environmental sustainability, so Earth Day is something very close to my heart," she said. "It's actually my favorite holiday."

This year's eco-friendly vendors and some of their topics include:

- Huron-Clinton Metroparks - parks information
- DTE Energy - energy efficiency
- Romulus Public Library - seed savings/seed library; books about conservation
- Romulus Garden Club - gardening tips
- Michigan State University Extension Council - health and wellness
- Southeastern Michigan Butterfly Association - pollinators
- Romulus Schools Recycling - living green and clean
- Michigan State Master Gardeners - produce and plants
- Old City Acres Farm - local organic farmer Alex Ball
- Sierra Club
- Michigan Botanical Club
- Waste Management

Romulus Garden Club founder Christine Rohn will be speaking at the EcoFair Saturday at the Romulus Athletic Club.

Photo by Roger Kadau

Rohn, who is a senior secretary with the Romulus Ordinance Department and Animal Control, will be one of at least three speakers during the day. She will talk about planting, soil, eco-friendly pesticides and what is needed for a healthy garden.

After each speaker, door prizes will be awarded to someone in the audience.

There also will be crafts for children, who will have the opportunity to create a planter out of recycled newspapers.

"Gardening is my labor of love," Rohn said. "Even though it can be hard work, it's my passion - my special gift from God."

The Romulus Garden Club is in its third year and is a free organization open to residents in the Romulus area. The club mission is "fun, education, outreach, health and environment." Members meet at the Romulus Library for an open speaker series once a month and at additional times for planning. All ages and ability levels are welcome. To join or for more information, call (734) 634-3812 or search for "Romulus Garden Club" on Facebook.

For more information about the Romulus Eco-Fair, call (734) 634-3812.

## CITY OF ROMULUS
### NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING
### PROPOSED FY 2018/2019 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of discussing the FY 2018/2019 Budget, including

**"The Property Tax Millage Rate Proposed To Be Levied To Support The Proposed Budget Will Be A Subject of This Hearing."**

Said Budget is available for inspection in the Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Ellen l. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk of Romulus, MI

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## CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, **May 2, 2018,** 7:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold public hearings at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. BZA-2018-006; **Greer Staples** requesting a variance from Section 3.07(a), Schedule of Regulations to allow a 35.3-foot front yard setback where 50 feet is required. The subject property is located at 15993 Fern Drive (Parcel ID #80-122-01-0034-000). The applicant is proposing the construction of a single-family residence.

2. TEMP-2018-001; **International Trucking School** requesting temporary use approval to operate a truck driving school. The subject property is located at 38211 Van Born Road (Parcel ID #80 021 99 0006 004).

Copies of the applications are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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## CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
### ITB 17/18-47 TWO (2) YEAR CONTRACT PRICING
### - INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL METER INSTALLATION

The City of Romulus is requesting bids from experienced and qualified contractors for the installation of various sizes and types of Neptune water meters (supplied by the City of Romulus) in commercial and industrial buildings, and multiple unit residential apartments as requested by the Department of Public Works, Water Division.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.

(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, **4/24/2018**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.

(4) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.

(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.

(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. A contract will ultimately be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(7) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, or Gary Harris, Purchasing Department Buyer by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
**March 26, 2018**
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

**The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.**
**Pledge of Allegiance**
**Roll Call:** John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
**Absent:** Kathleen Abdo.
**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk
**Absent:** Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk and Stacy Paige, Treasurer.

**1.** Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**18-097 2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 12, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**3. Petitioner: None.**

**4. Chairperson's Report:**
Mayor Pro Tem John Barden read a list of items that can be disposed of at the Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Henry Ford Community College – for details call 734-326-3936. He also announced the Relay for Life Bowl-A-Thon cancer fundraiser to be held on Friday, May 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Romulus Lanes. Councilman Wadsworth announced the upcoming Animal Shelter fundraisers – Pets for Pucks on April 14 and a Bowl-A-Thon on May 11. Members of St. John's Lodge announced their annual prayer breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

**18-098 4A.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Williams** to grant a no-fee permit for the closing of Goddard Road from the Historical Park to Five Points for the annual Good Friday Walk to be held on March 30, 2018 beginning at 11:00 a.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**18-099 4B.** Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Sharon Wilson. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**4.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**5. Mayor's Report:**
Andy McKay, Manager of the RAC, spoke about the Mayor's Fitness Challenge and announced this year's winners of the challenge. Dennis Davidson, Cable Production Coordinator, announced upcoming City events and also that Reverend William Kren was voted the Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year.

**18-100 5A**. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and extend Bid 04/05-7 for an additional three (3) months, through June 30, 2018, with HydroCorp (a.k.a. HydroDesigns) for industrial and commercial cross connection services at the annual contracted amount of $1,790 per month. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**18-101 5B**. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-18 to Osborne Concrete for a two-year contract (to terminate 12/31/2019) for fixed pricing for delivered concrete with the option to renew the contract for up to three additional one-year terms per the terms of the solicitation documents. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**18-102 5C**. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-25 to the only responsive, responsible bidder, HydroCorp. for a five (5) year contract to commence on July 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2023 for a commercial, industrial and residential cross connection program in a lump sum amount of $104,664 annually for the inspection and reporting services per the terms of the solicitation documents and contingent upon the final adoption of the 18/19 budget. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

**18-103 5D**. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-27 to the most responsible bidder, MSDSonline, Inc., for a three year online Hazardous Communication Safety Data Sheet Program for the Department of Public Works at an annual cost of $2,889 per year. Terms end on March 31, 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**18-104 5E**. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-33 for all stainless steel repair clamps to all three companies, Core & Main, Michigan Pipe & Valve and Etna Supply Company. The award would allow for the DPW to purchase products on an as-needed basis from the company having the product available at the lowest cost. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**18-105 5F**. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and amend the City's existing contract with George W. Auch Company in an amount totaling $1,928,521 for all of the sub-contracted trade work, testing, allowances, reimbursable general conditions, and any contingency for unforeseen conditions resulting ITB 17/18-35 for the new 34th District Court – Bid Package No. 1 – Sitework and contingent upon the second reading of Budget Amendment 17/18-29. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried.**

**18-106 5G**. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Western Wayne County Special Operations Team to provide resources and tactical support as needed in the prorated amount of $5,833.40 for the 2018 calendar year. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**18-107 5H**. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the Middlebelt Road asphalt resurfacing project between 500' south of Wick Road to Goddard Road. The City's local share will be approximately $130,308.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**18-108 5I**. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the DTE Energy Accounts Receivable agreements and approve to pay DTE Energy $69,633.86 to perform the work necessary to accommodate the traffic signal installations at Wayne and Ecorse, Vining and Ecorse, Henry Ruff and Ecorse, and Merriman and Ecorse. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**18-109 5J**. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 17/18-27 to amend the budget for the Ecorse Road improvements and Vining Road extension Debt Services Fund in recognition of bond proceeds received and interest payment due in this fiscal year.

| FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDMENT | AMENDED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ecorse & Vining Road – Debt Service** | | | | |
| **Revenues** | | | | |
| 306-000-698.000 | Bonds Proceeds | - | 631,787 | 631,787 |
| **Expense** | | | | |
| 306-000-995.000 | Interest Expense | - | 187,562 | 187,562 |

To amend the budget for the Ecorse Road improvements and Vining Road extension Debt Service Fund in recognition of bond proceeds received and interest payment due in this fiscal year. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**18-110 5K**. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 17/18-28 to reallocate CDBG approved funding from the unused Façade Rehab Program to the Fire Station Rehab Program. This reallocation of funds and Program Income will be used to cover anticipated increased costs relative to the environmental abatement of lead and asbestos in the building.

| FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDMENT | AMENDED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Community Development Block Grant** | | | | |
| **Expenditures** | | | | |
| 252-000-847.017 | Downtown Facade Rehab 17-24-14E | 18,000 | (18,000) | - |
| 252-000-887,017 | Econ Dev Fire Sta Rehab 17-24-04 | 84,469 | 18,000 | 102,469 |

To reallocate CDBG approved funding from the unused Façade Rehab program to the Fire Station Rehab program. This reallocation of funds and Program income will be used to cover anticipated increased costs relative to theenvironmental abatement of lead and asbestos in the building. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

**18-111 5L**. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 17/18-29 to cover the municipal complex improvements that have been reserved from the previous fiscal year.

| FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDMENT | AMENDED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **General Fund** | | | | |
| **Expenditures** | | | | |
| 101-265-970.000 | Bldg. & Grounds Capital Outlay | 151,750 | 120,000 | 271,750 |
| **Fund Balance** | | | | |
| 101-000-393.970 | Reserved Capital Improvements | 120,000 | (120,000) | - |

To cover the municipal complex improvements that has been reserved from the previous fiscal year. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

**6A. Clerk's Report:**

**18-112 6A1**. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to schedule a half-hour special open meeting study session on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority Definitive Transfer Agreement. The study session will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**6B. Treasurer's Report: None.**

**7. Public Comment:**
Cemetery Board of Trustees Chairperson, Jan Lemmon, spoke about the spaghetti dinner fundraiser that will fund the headstone for Charles Cawetzka, Medal of Honor recipient, who is buried in the Romulus Memorial Cemetery. The date for the dinner is Friday, April 20, 2018 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Romulus VFW Post, Huron River Drive. .

**8. Unfinished Business:**
Councilman Wadsworth reiterated that local vendors be used as much as possible for the paving of the new court parking lot. Councilwoman Williams spoke about the bonds and paving of the new court parking lot.

**9. New business: None.**

**10. Communication: None.**

**18-113 11.** Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Roscoe** to pay Warrant 18-06 in the amount of $1,556,952.70. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

**12.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 26, 2018.

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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

# City wins financial reporting award

Northville Township Treasurer Marjorie Banner was recently honored with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fifth consecutive year.

Northville Township received the award for satisfying nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation which assess how well the township budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories - and in the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories - to receive the award.

> *"The 2018 budget builds on the open government initiative platform..."*

The Northville Township focus during the 2018 budget process was centered on vision with a theme of Open Government Initiatives.

The board of trustees' vision to engage low-cost, innovative approaches to connect township government with citizens resulted in the launch of a first citizen-oriented mobile application designed to provide easy access to township government including high demand interactive online services. The 2018 budget builds on the open government initiative platform, while striking a balance between aligning financial resources with long-term service level objectives, according to a prepared statement from the township.

The award represents a significant achievement by Northville Township and reflects the commitment of the board of trustees and staff to meeting the highest principles in governmental budgeting, the release continued. Northville Township was one of only 33 communities in Michigan to be recognized, out of nearly 1,800 cities, villages and townships.

When the award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition is also presented to the individual designated as being primarily responsible for having achieved the award. Northville Township chose Banner in recognition of her dedication and commitment to fiscal health and transparency.

Northville Township Treasurer Marjorie Banner proudly displays the most recent financial reporting award presented to the township.

# Annual Mom-to-Mom sale set for April 21

Those looking for huge savings on gently-used baby and children's clothing, toys, furniture and more need look no further than the Canton Leisure Services Annual Mom to Mom Sale set for Saturday, April 21. The event take place from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

More than 60 booths will be on site offering deals on everything that is baby, child or maternity related. Moms will be selling gently used children's clothing and shoes, plus toys, books, DVDs/videos, baby gear, Halloween costumes, water and swim gear, and more. Bargain shoppers will also be able to find great deals on furniture, strollers, high chairs and more in the large item area.

"The feedback from buyers and sellers over the last few years has been so positive that we decided to bring back our spring sale," said Special Events Coordinator Julie Allen. "So many shoppers were impressed with the wide variety of gently-used merchandise at great prices. Everyone looking for great bargains should come see for themselves."

The public is welcome to shop the sale from at 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Summit on the Park Gymnasium. Admission is $2 from 8 - 9 a.m. and $1 from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. All sales are "cash only." Please note that there is no ATM on the premises.

For more information, contact the Summit on the Park front desk at (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

## Canton

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Sensory Friendly Story Time courtesy of the Canton Public Library at noon; 1 p.m. adaptive yoga with Chris; and 1:30 p.m. Adaptive Gymnastics Tumble with the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics.

Vendors will also participate.

"I think that starts with the family members having a conversation with their loved ones that the police are there to help and can be trusted," Sullivan said.

The event took place more frequently in the 1990s, he said, with safety officials working to make it more regular, generally twice a year. Its focus is Canton residents, he noted, although others may attend.

"Canton Public Library's mission is to connect with our community. The Community Connection Day is a great opportunity for families to get to learn about the variety of programming the library offers all year round. Count Me In Special Needs Story-time is a program funded by a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. It's a sensory-friendly, story-time filled with picture books, preschool songs and simple sign language especially designed for patrons of all ages and abilities with their families and caregivers. The program is offered September - June in the community room on Saturdays from 4- 4:30 p.m., no registration required," explained Canton Information Services Librarian Deborah Sobczak. "Check our program calendar for our next session at www.cantonpl.org/calendar."

"The purpose of the Canton Therapeutic Recreation program is to provide classes, programs and events for individuals with disabilities. We partnered with Public Safety to dispel fears that individuals with disabilities have with the lights and noises and uniformed officers and vice versa," noted Canton Township Recreation Specialist Jennifer Girard.

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Girard said the event allows families the opportunity to see a variety of programs and activities, calling most "hidden gems that families don't know about." The Therapeutic Recreation Program at Canton Leisure Services provides classes, programs and camps ranging from fitness classes to holiday parties as well as swim lessons, social trips and all day summer camps.

"We feel that individuals with disabilities should have the same opportunity to be healthy, learn new skills and be with friends that everyone else does," Girard added.

# Theater to host art exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will exhibit the unique works of artist Haydar Alyasiry, now through April 28 in the Gallery VT, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Originally from Iraq, Alyasiry's oil paintings, pastels, and watercolors reflect his passion for his roots and the memories that he has carried with him across continents to his new homeland - America. More than 40 works will be on display in this special exhibit, entitled "Eve for Eternity."

"Eve is the woman, mother, sister, wife, daughter, friend, it is a country homeland, birthplace, identity, love, life, and support," stated Alyasiry. "It is my love and respect for a woman; it represents every aspect of life and giving with generosity."

Alyasiry's experience in the art world has taken him from curating art exhibitions in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Detroit to teaching art to high school students in Basrah. In addition, Alyasiry has also had extensive experience as a caricaturist for several Iraqi and Arab-American newspapers. His vast skills also include graphic design, salvaging and maintaining archeological items, as well as teaching the history of Arabic and Islamic art.

This current art exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday - Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays. For more information about this latest exhibit, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

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If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Plymouth Charter Township, Department of Public Works, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works, 734-354-3270, Extension 3, for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2018 for the following:

**RENTAL OF LIBERTY FEST TENTS, TABLES & CHAIRS**

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

**MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK**

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD**
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**DRAFT PLAN AVAILABLE AND PUBLIC HEARING**
**JOINT PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2018-2022**

Notice is hereby given to any and all interested parties that a public hearing will be held by the Plymouth Township Board on **May 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm** at Township Hall, located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd. The public hearing is being held to receive comments on a draft Joint Plymouth Community Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan (2018-2022). While the City and Township are individual units of government, and maintain separate control of their land, facilities and budgets, collaborative planning can allow for better coordinated and more efficient systems. The draft plan reflects the Township's priorities for the next five years and, once adopted, will serve as a guide for Township staff and Township Board. The **draft Master Plan will be available for public review beginning April 5, 2018** on the Township website at www.plymouthtwp.org, and at Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, during regular business hours.

All interested persons attending the hearing will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to this matter. If you cannot attend this meeting, you may submit comments to the attention of Kurt Heise, Township Supervisor at kheise@plymouthtwp.org or 734.453.3840.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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**SPRING 2018 USFS TREE PLANTING PROGRAM - REBID**

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

*Employment:* The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

*Effective Communication:* The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

*Modifications to Policies and Procedures:* The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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# Inkster - Wayne - Westland

## 'Eggs'citing
## City Easter celebration draws large crowd

In spite of a weather forecast that called for rain and wind, more than 500 people came out to enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Unity in the Community Campaign of the Inkster Task Force recently.

Children and their parents enjoyed food, face painting, Legoland building activities complements of Chris Thomas, Easter egg hunts, arts and crafts, entertainment by Smiley the Clown and prizes. The record breaking event took place March 31 at the Inkster Recreation Complex. According to Connie R. Mitchell of the Inkster Task Force, there had never been so many members of the community present to enjoy the festivities.

More than 100 volunteers helped make the event run smoothly.

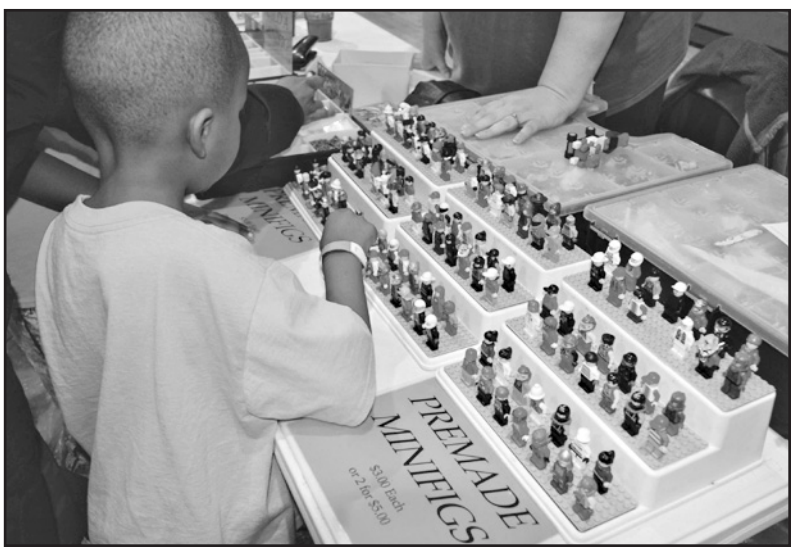
The Unity in the Community Campaign is a part of the work of the Inkster Task Force which seeks to unite organizations in the city to have greater impact on the community, Mitchell said. "Our motto is better together".

Partnering in the Easter event were St. Clements Episcopal Church of Inkster, the City of Inkster Parks and Recreation Department, Starfish Family Services, Inkster Police Department Community Liaison Division, Service Builders Foundation (a 501c3 affiliate of the Eta Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.), Operation Refuge/Mother's Pantry, Inkster Community Foundation and the Inkster Housing Residents' Council. The Michigan Metro Chapter of Top Teens of America and Middle Belt Baptist Church-Inkster provided volunteer services throughout the day. The Steering Committee included Carolyn Smith, Inkster Police Ofc. Andrea Lebo, Evonne Moore, LaShell Warner, Gennifer Williams, Father Ellis Clifton, Craig Lewis, Opal Nolen, Mable Stroman and Mitchell.

The highlight of the day was the marshmallow drop by helicopter, a first for the city.

"The excitement was palpable as they stood in the sprinkle of rain and wind waiting on the helicopter arrival," Mitchell said. "When it did, cheers from the crowd went up and shortly after, all were allowed to turn in their marshmallows for gifts and candy. The committee said that all the hard work was worth it to see the smiles and hear the giggles coming from all who attended," she added.

The next event being planned by the Campaign Committee is the Backpack Episcopalooza scheduled for Aug. 18 in Inkster.



More than 500 residents attended the recent Easter celebration in Inkster which included games and entertainment for children.

## Westland Police uphold prestigious accreditation

Upon completion of a week long review, the Westland Police Department has upheld the standards of its Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) certification. Westland Police earned their initial CALEA certification in April of 2016, becoming only the sixth department in the State of Michigan to pass certification standards, according to information provided by the city.

Each year the process for ensuring standards are upheld becomes more detailed and the expectations increase, a city spokesperson said. The initial accreditation is good for four years, but the department is subject to annual reviews to ensure compliance.

This year the independent review was conducted by Compliance Service Manager John Sofie who retired from the Renton, Washington Police Department. Sofie reported that the Westland Police Department was in full compliance with the reviewed standards and reported there were no compliance issues.

"I am extremely proud of our staff," commented Westland Police Chief, Jeff Jedrusik. "This is not an easy process and fewer than 5 percent of the entire country's law enforcement agencies have been able to accomplish this task."

Since the first CALEA Accreditation Award was granted in 1984, the program has become the primary method for an agency to voluntarily demonstrate their commitment to excellence in law enforcement. The standards upon which the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is based reflect the current thinking and experience of law enforcement practitioners and researchers, according to the program website. Major law enforcement associations, leading educational and training institutions, governmental agencies, as well as law enforcement executives internationally, acknowledge CALEA's Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies and its Accreditation Programs as benchmarks for professional law enforcement agencies.

"The Westland Police Department continues to demonstrate professional excellence," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "I commend Police Chief Jedrusik and the entire department for continuing to operate at this International Gold Standard for law enforcement agencies."

## Wayne Main Street plans 3rd Chocolate Walk

The Third Annual Wayne Main Street Chocolate Walk will take place in downtown Wayne form 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

Tickets for the event last year sold out, officials said, so early purchase is recommends as a sold out crowd is expected again this year.

More than 150 people are expected to attend and 12 downtown businesses have already committed to participating.

The Chocolate Walk will begin at 10 a.m. at the Wayne Historical Museum located at 1 Town Square. Each participant will be provided an empty chocolate box and a map of participating businesses. Participants will then be invited to explore the historic downtown and pick up their individual chocolates at the participating businesses.

"This event is important to our downtown, it encourages community members and folks from surrounding communities to shop and explore downtown Wayne's unique offerings" said Wayne Main Street Board of Directors member Cindy Schofield

Tickets are priced at $12 if purchased in advance and $15 at registration (if available) and can be purchased at downtown-wayne.org or on Eventbrite (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/third-annual-chocolate-walk-tickets-44373939648).

Proceeds from this event benefit Wayne Main Street programs and services. The event is being sponsored by the Wayne Downtown Development Authority.

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### 1. Obituaries

**Devone Szabo**

Devone Szabo, 73, died April 8, 2018.

Mrs. Szabo was the loving wife of Stephen for 54 wonderful years.

She is the beloved mother of David, Julianna, and the late Christopher and the cherished grandmother of Christopher and Mara. She is also survived by siblings Diane, Ernest, Winford and Bud, and will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Mrs. Szabo was predeceased by siblings Velma, Iva, and Billie Mae.

Visitation is planned from 1 until 5 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, April 13 when funeral services will begin at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave. Wayne, MI.

### 32. Help Wanted Drivers

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## Calendar of events

**Food for Fines offered at library**

For the sixth consecutive year, the Romulus Public Library will participate in the Food for Fines campaign through April 29.

Bring non-perishable food to the library and $1 in fines on library materials will be forgiven for each item. Food will then be donated to the Helping Hand Food Bank in Romulus.

Food for Fines cannot be used for lost items or collection fees and we cannot accept items that are past the expiration date.

Donations will be accepted for those without fines as well.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road. For information, call (734) 942-7589 or access www.romuluslibrary.org

**Comedy Night tickets on sale**

Comedy Night, a fundraiser for the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, is planned for 6-10 p.m. April 18 at the Detroit Metro Airport Marriott Hotel.

Tickets for the event, which includes a live and silent auction along with a Chinese raffle, are priced at $45 per person and are now on sale.

There will be three comedy acts, a cash bar and dinner.

Organizers said that tickets sell very quickly so early purchase is suggested. For more information or tickets, contact Betsey Krampitz at (734) 893-0694.

**Casting call**

Inspire Theater has scheduled auditions for the upcoming production of Yankee Doodle Dandy: Song and Dance Man.

Singers and non-singers, ages 13-70 are being sought for the cast. Auditions are planned from 6:30 until 9 p.m. on both April 12 and 13 at the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road in Westland.

The production will take place Fridays and Saturdays June 15 through 30 with Sunday matinees June 17, 24 and July 1.

Performers should plan on arriving before 6:30 for the auditions and stay until 9 p.m. Auditions will include singing Give My Regards to Broadway.

Actors are urged to wear comfortable clothes and shoes to the auditions.

For more information, call (734)751-7057.

**Northville State of the Community set**

The annual update on the community will include presentations by superintendent of Northville Public Schools Mary Kay Gallagher, Township Supervisor Robert Nix and City of Northville Mayor Ken Roth, Mayor April 18 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a buffet luncheon and program to follow.

The cost is $40 per person.

Tickets and registration are available at (248) 349-7640 or lindseybutzin@northaville.or.

The event is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. VisTaTech is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia

**Used books for sale**

The Friends of the Romulus Public Library will host a used book sale/mini flea market/cookie sale during regular library hours today, tomorrow, april 13 and Saturday, April 14.

All proceeds from the event will be used for library programming

**United Way sets annual meeting**

The Plymouth Canton United Way Annual Meeting and Awards Breakfast is planned from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, April 13 at Robert Bosch, 15000 Haggerty Road in Plymouth.

The meeting includes a report on the finances and programs of the organization, to recognize key contributors and hand out special awards.

For more information, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org

**Police present Pucks for Pets**

The Romulus Police Department is sponsoring Pucks for Pets, a charity hockey game between the Romulus Police Department and the Detroit Red Wings Alumni players at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14.

The game will take place at the Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Road in Taylor.

Presale tickets are priced at 410 and tickets sold at the door will cost $15.

See **More Calendar,** page 6

BELLEVILLE - PLYMOUTH

# Cost for Kellogg Fountain repair is $1.5 million

The highly-anticipated return of a revered Plymouth landmark has been delayed indefinitely as officials determine a way to fund the cost of renovations and replacement.

The fountain, which has graced Kellogg Park in the center of the city for nearly a half century, was removed pending repairs and replacement last year. The city icon had experienced numerous mechanical difficulties, officials said, and a replacement design with new mechanics was accepted. Only one bid on the project was received by the city last week which was double the anticipated expense.

The bid, from FH Martin Constructors of Warren, totaled $1.528 million for the work. The Wilcox Foundation had allocated $700,000 for the new fountain, The late Jack Wilcox, for whom the foundation is named, donated the new fountain as a legacy for his parents.

> *Only one bid on the project was received by the city last week which was double the anticipated expense.*

City officials had said they hoped to have the new fountain project under way this spring and complete by no later than early next year.

While four companies had originally expressed an interest in the bid specifications, the city received only the single bid late last month.

The design was prepared by landscape architect Mark Russell of Northville-based Russell Design. The design allows for easier access to the mechanics of the fountain which is planned for the same space as the former one. The new fountain design is 14 feet tall with water falling into a basin before flowing down granite steps to a lower basin. The top of the new fountain is designed in bronze.

# County closes 3 'unsafe' bridges on Hines Drive

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Wayne County Parks abruptly closed three Hines Parkway bridges Monday citing safety concerns.

A spokesman for the county said that serious shear cracks in the concrete members that support the middle concrete slab on the three bridges render them unsafe for pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Two of the bridges span the Rouge River. The first is located just west of Haggerty road and the second is further west on Haggerty just past Woods Drive. A third bridge is located west of I-275 where the park drive underpasses the freeway. The bridges, built in 1932, are identical and should be completely replaced according to Wayne Country Deputy Director of Roads Mike Gorman. Gorman said the bridges are past their design life.

Hines Drive has 232 bridges that undergo constant rotational inspection in alternate years, Gorman said. Until the inspection process is complete in about a week they will not know the total extent of the required repairs, he added. If the county budget permits, simultaneous construction-repairs would take about a year from the commencement date, he added. The bridges will remain closed until that work can be complete.

Gorman said county officials are concerned for the most affected users who will be the pedestrians and bikers who regularly travel Hines Drive. Gorman said he feels motorists will be able to resolve the closing with alternate paths.

Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips says the road closure of Hines Drive for the bridge repairs will likely have little effect on the township fire department and public safety now that Northville Township firefighters are sharing the Lake Pointe Fire Station.

One of the three Edward Hines roadway bridges closed due to safety concerns by Wayne County this week.

Protocol for fire department vehicles stipulate they not use Haggerty Road when responding to Lake Pointe area calls from the Haggerty-Ann Arbor Road station because of potential train delays on Haggerty south of Plymouth Road.

"It all has to do with budget," Gorman said regarding any timeframe for repairs.

# Belleville Community Chorus sets spring concert

The Belleville Community Chorus will present the 12th Annual Spring concert, What a Wonderful World at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

The performance will feature a variety of songs with wide appeal from popular, musical theater and other sources, a spokesperson noted.

"What a Wonderful World" will be performed at the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. The concert features the adult chorus plus the Children's Chorus. The performance is under the direction of Sue Hiser and Steve Ko, and accompanist for the evening will be Kevin Shay.

The concert is free, though donations are encouraged, and sponsors are welcome.

Anyone interested in knowing more about or being part of the Belleville Community Chorus can contact Pete Jones at (734) 731- 0829, email to Plrmj@msn.com or visit the chorus' website at www.bellevillechorus.com.

The Belleville Community Chorus offers opportunities for performance of mixed voice choral music in a variety of styles.

The group strives to improve musical quality through education and commitment to a rehearsal and performance schedule.

The generosity of donors and sponsors supports community activities including education, rehearsal, performance and entertainment.

Belleville Community Chorus is a 501(C)3 not-for-profit organization.

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All proceeds from the game will be used to support both the Romulus Animal Shelter which serves the communities of Romulus, Van Buren Township, Inkster, Garden City and the Taylor Animal Shelter.

Tickets are on sale now at the Romulus Police Department, 11165 Olive St. from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling Cpl. Chris Kososki (734) 955-8816 or Director Bonnie Freeman (734) 955-8810 or search Pucks for Pets on Facebook.

Tickets are also available on Eventbrite.com.

### Health and Business Expo planned

Westland Shopping Center will host the 2018 Health and Business Expo from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. April 14. The expo will take place in the East Court and will feature businesses, health care providers and non-profit organizations. Participants will have information and hand outs for interested shoppers. For more information contact the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222 or westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

### Register for cooking class

Residents have only until April 15 to register for a class in healthy cooking planned from 3-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at Sharon SDA Church in Inkster.

Adventist Community Services is sponsoring the class, titled Fast Food Alternatives. Meatless vegan burgers, yacc fries, cilantro dipping sauce and a fruit smoothie milk shake will be prepared as part of the live cooking demonstration.

The event is free and open to the public although pre-registration is required by April 15.

Only those who have pre-registered will be admitted.

To register, call Lucy Byrd at (313) 293-9753 and leave a message.

The church is located at 28537 Cherry St. in Inkster. The church is under the direction of Pastor Errol E. Liverpool PhD.

### Home buying seminar set

Professionals from Coldwell Banker and CrossCountry Mortgage, Inc. will host a Home Buyer Seminar from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 17.

The seminar is free and will include information about the process of buying a home along with other information.

The seminar will take place at 309 Main St. in Belleville.

For more information, phone (734) 732-4077 or (734) 697-1800.

### Belle Isle is topic

Belle Isle conservancy President Michele Hodges will present an overview of everything happening on Belle Isle beginning at 6:30 p.m. April 18 at the Wayne Public Library.

Belle Isle is a 982-acre island park located in Detroit with historic, environmental, and cultural resources that have been beloved for generations. The park is home to the Belle Isle Aquarium, Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle Nature Center, the James Scott Memorial Fountain, and more.

To register for this free program, call the library at (734) 721-7832 or visit the Adult Services Desk. The presentation is sponsored by the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

The library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

### Earth Day celebrated

Belleville will host an Earth Day celebration beginning at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18. Volunteers will join with Comcast to clean up the local parks, plan a community garden and provide kid-friendly service projects.

Projects will last until 7 p.m.

Kona shaved ice will be available for purchase. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Tea Party planned

Oak Street Health is hosting a Tea Party from 1-2 p.m. April 19.

Guests are urged to wear their prettiest hat to enjoy tea, pastries and conversation. There will be a contest for the prettiest hat.

The party is free.

Oak Street Health is located at 27155 Cherry Hill Road in Inkster.

Pre registration is requested at (844) 808-8262.

### Cemetery Board serves spaghetti

The Romulus Memorial Cemetery Board will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 20 at the Romulus VFW Post 9568.

A Medal of Honor winner in the community has never had his Medal of Honor engraved on his government-issued headstone. The meal, issued to Charles Cawetzka in 1902 by President Theodore Roosevelt for his service in the Phillipine American War in 1900.

Donations will help with the installation of a new headstone with the Meal of Honor engraved.

The cost of the dinner is $10 and the VFW Hall is located at 30270 Huron River Dr. in Romulus

A special ceremony will take place when the headstone in placed on Mr. Cawetzka's grave.

For more information, call (734) 941-0996.

### Goodfellows serve dinner

The Inkster Goodfellows are serving fish and spaghetti dinners from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Friday, April 20 at the Dozier Recreation Center.

The dinners, priced at $10, are being served as a fundraiser for the annual No Child Without A Christmas campaign of the Goodfellows in the city.

### Clean Up Day planned

Community Clean Up Day has been set in the City of Wayne from 9 a.m. until noon April 21.

Volunteers are need to help make a difference in the city. Those willing to help should wear old clothes and bring gloves to the event.

This is a volunteer opportunity for individuals, families and community service groups.

Refreshments will be provided and all volunteers will receive a free t-shirt.

Parking for Community Clean Up Day will be available at the 29th District Court parking lot, located at 34808 Sims St. in Wayne where both registration and t-shirt pick up will be located.

Wayne Community Clean Up Day is a partnership of: Ford Motor Co., Friends of the Rouge, Healthy Wayne, Rotary Club of Wayne, Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Department of Public Works, Wayne Historical Society, Wayne Interact and Wayne Main Street.

### Free clothing available

Willow Church will host Free-Style 2018 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, April 21.

The free clothing event is available to anyone struggling to afford clothing. There will also be a free snack bar available. There will be clean gently used clothing, clothing accessories, shoes, bedding and purses will be available at no cost.

The church is located at 36925 Willow Road in New Boston. For more information, call (734) 654-9020.

# Hijacker

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Northville area in the stolen vehicle. Farris refused to stop for police and crashed the vehicle and fled the area on foot.

• Report of carjacking and kidnapping in Northville Township. The female victim dropped off in Highland Park and is reported in good condition.

• 3:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 4 - Attempted carjacking of undercover Michigan State Police trooper in Detroit. Gunfire is exchanged. Police said it is unknown at this time if Farris was injured in the exchange.

• 7:20 a.m. - Troopers observed Farris hiding behind a garage near Bradford and Flanders streets in Detroit and attempted to use non-lethal force to take him into custody. Farris fired at the officers and troopers members returned fire. Farris is deceased.

No injuries to officers were sustained. Consistent with investigative protocol, all Michigan State Police officers involved in the shootings were placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

Agencies assisting the state police in responding to the various incidents and in the search for Farris included the Canton Police Department, Northville Police Department, Highland Park Police Department, Detroit Police Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

# Kren

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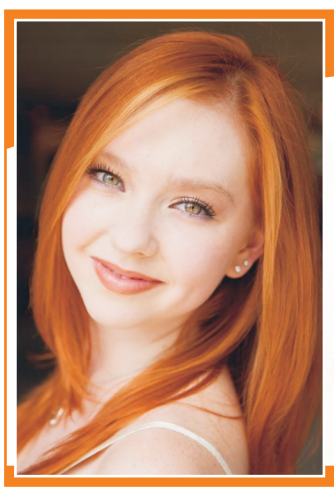
Romulus, the Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force (for 18 years) and the Chamber of Commerce. In fact, he is a former president, vice-president and executive director of the chamber.

He also volunteers for the Veterans of America, has been a participant and organizer of the Romulus/Belleville CROP Walk (which raises funds for the needy) and has volunteered with Gleaners Community Food Pantry. He has also officiated and volunteered at community events and funerals.

Kren's involvement extends to a number of other volunteer projects in Romulus, including the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Walk, the Citywide Clean Sweep, the Pumpkin Festival Committee, the Parade of Lights and the Romulus Salvation Army Rehab Center Advisory Council

He also served five years as vice president of the John C. Lasko Foundation, responsible for bringing a $750,000 donation to Romulus.

The Krens recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have three children and three grandchildren. Son Derek resides in Oceanside, CA with his spouse, Janet, and their son, Joshua. Son Jason lives in Fishers, IN, with his wife, Lana, and their daughter, Lauren while daughter Maria, her husband Brett Doyon and their daughter, Ashlan, reside in Livonia.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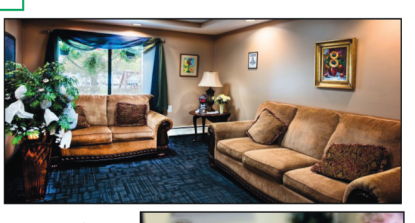

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